



LOUISVILLE METRO PARKS

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Recreation Guide



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Meet and Greet

Conference Centers

Metro Parks operates four modern conference facilities, each of which is ready to host your next corporate, civic or social event. Our facilities are an economical option for any number of different events, including weddings, team-building programs and historic home tours. Metro Parks staff will work with you to plan for the specific needs of your group. Sites are equipped with kitchens, and all are easily adapted to the use of audio-visual equipment and accessible to caterers. Rates vary; contact each facility or visit their website for more information or to schedule a site visit.



Venues

Iroquois Park Amphitheater

Entire venue or Olmsted Room
1080 Amphitheater Rd 40215

phone 502/368-5865

web iroquoisamphitheater.com

email parkpermits@louisvilleky.gov



Jefferson Memorial Forest

Horine Conference Center
11311 Mitchell Hill Rd
Fairdale, KY 40118

phone 502/368-5404

web memorialforest.com

email forest@louisvilleky.gov



Locust Grove

Visitors Center

561 Blankenbaker Ln 40207

phone 502/897-9845

web locustgrove.org

email lggh@locustgrove.org



Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremen Landing

Visitors Center and/or Open-Air Pavilion
7410 Moorman Rd 40272

phone 502/935-6809

web riverside-landing.org

email info@riverside-landing.org



Metro Parks offers a wide variety of facilities for every occasion, from weddings and picnics to neighborhood meetings and corporate functions. Rates for registered non-profit organizations are available at most sites. Contact Metro Parks customer service staff for rates and terms of use.

Lodges and Pavilions

phone 502/368-5865

email parkpermits@louisvilleky.gov

Where better to hold a family reunion or company picnic than in a park? Metro Parks offers four lodges and more than 60 picnic shelters that can be reserved for anywhere from \$35 to \$250 per day, depending on each facility's size and amenities. Call or go online for the cost and location of each picnic pavilion; lodge rates are listed below.

Lodge Reservations

Chickasaw Park

\$250 public • \$175 non-profit

George Rogers Clark Park

\$250 public • \$175 non-profit

Shawnee Park • Golf Clubhouse

\$250 public • \$175 non-profit

Victory Park

\$125 public • \$100 non-profit

Special Events

phone 502/368-5865

email parkpermits@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks has 120 locations for all your outdoor events! Contact our staff at least two weeks before your event to obtain a permit. Other services – including bleachers, picnic tables, electrical boxes, and vending permits – are also available for a fee.

Event Permit Fees

0-249 attendees

\$225 public • \$175 non-profit

250-499 attendees

\$275 public • \$225 non-profit

500+ attendees

\$500 public • \$350 non-profit

Impact to area determines fees for additional activities at event.

Community Center Meeting Rooms and Gyms

Contact a community center to schedule affordable rentals for your next meeting, social event or private athletic event. A list of Metro Parks community centers is on pages 13 and 14.

Hourly Rates

Meeting Rooms

\$50 public • \$35 non-profit

Gymnasiums

During operating hours:

\$30 public and non-profit

Before/after operating hours:

\$40 public and non-profit

Athletic Fields

phone 502/368-5865

email parkpermits@louisvilleky.gov

Outdoor athletic fields are available throughout the year. Most fields can be reserved by the general public for games and practices, although non-profit groups operate some fields exclusively under franchise agreements. Metro Parks offers a pricing structure that can fit your practice, single game, or league needs. All fields – with the exception of a small number of fields reserved for games only – may be enjoyed by the public for informal use on a first-come, first-served basis, provided that the field has not been reserved and the users are not charging a fee to any participants. Call or go online for locations and pricing.



Making News at Metro Parks

Metro Park Wins USTA Tennis Facility Award



California Park has been named "2012 Tennis Facility of the Year" by the U.S. Tennis Association - Kentucky. The award is given to an outstanding tennis facility for its contribution and support in the promotion of tennis. California earned the honor for the 2012 renovation of existing courts into four smaller courts for children, and one for adults, as well as its youth tennis programs (see related story on page 11). Louisville Metro Parks representatives accepted the award at a ceremony on January 26.



2013 Give a Day Week

Mayor Greg Fischer is looking for groups to help make Louisville the most compassionate community by joining in the 2013 Give a Day week, April 13 to 21. Whether you give an hour, a day or a week of volunteer service, make a donation, or show another act of kindness, everyone can make a real difference.

You can join the efforts this year by volunteering in one of our Metro Parks. Visit mygiveaday.com for more information on how to get involved during this year's week of service.

Eva Bandman Park Hosts Championship

Eva Bandman Park attracts an international audience February 2 and 3, serving as the venue for the 2013 UCI World Elite Cyclo-cross Championships. Cyclo-cross is the fastest growing cycling discipline in the U.S. and takes place on pavement, over grass, through sand and over and around man-made obstacles. In 2009, Metro Parks designed and constructed the challenging course at Bandman Park, a deciding factor in bringing the championship races to Louisville. It's a notable achievement for the city because it is the first time this 60-year-old event has been held outside of Europe!

Thousands of spectators will be on hand to cheer on competitors and the world TV viewing audience is expected to reach into the millions. The cycling course at Bandman Park has been wholeheartedly embraced and welcomed by local cycling enthusiasts, too. The park and course are open to everyone, so you can race like a champion when you head out to enjoy Eva Bandman Park!

SilverSneakers at Wilderness Road

The senior fitness program SilverSneakers is expanding to a seventh Metro Parks location - Wilderness Road Senior Center at 8111 Blue Lick Road. SilverSneakers is the nation's leading exercise program exclusively for older adults and is free through many Medicare health plans, Medicare supplement carriers and group retiree plans.

Metro Parks Senior Services Manager Bobby Merideth is thrilled about the expansion and said, "It makes me feel great every time I hear a senior participant express how this program has enhanced their daily living!" In addition to Wilderness Road, Metro Parks offers SilverSneakers at Beechmont, California, Douglass, Flaget and Sun Valley community centers (see page 13), and the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center, which also offers SilverSplash, an aqua fitness class (page 3).

Louisville Hosts NWBA Championship

Louisville will host the 65th National Wheelchair Basketball Championship tournament, from April 17 through 21, and next year's tournament as well. 2013 will be the first time Louisville has hosted the annual NWBA sporting event, in which more than 1,000 athletes compete. This year's tournament will be cosponsored by Louisville Metro Parks, the Sports Commission and Frasier Rehab. It will be one of Kentucky's largest athletic events in 2013, and the largest wheelchair basketball tournament in the world.

The tournament is expected to include the most players and spectators in its 65-year history, and it is estimated that the local economic impact will be nearly \$1 million. In addition to hosting 2013 and 2014, Louisville may be given the option to host a third tournament in 2015.



**National Wheelchair Basketball Tournament
2013 • Louisville KY**



We're Working for You!

Senior Services

"Making a difference"... "helping others"... "being supportive"... these are just a few of the reasons why Bobby Merideth, Jon Pilbean, Kelly Price and Bill Hinklin (below) say they love their jobs as members of the Metro Parks and Recreation Senior Services staff - and it shows! They come from different backgrounds and different work experiences, but they share a common goal: delivering great services and programs to the older citizens of our community.

Bobby Merideth, Manager of Senior Programming, says, "I feel blessed with the opportunity to offer seniors health, educational and recreational programs." A University of Louisville graduate, with a B.S. degree in Physical Education/Sports Administration, he oversees Parks' two senior centers, Wilderness Road and Flaget, and serves as a resource on senior programs to the other metro community centers. "We are an integral part of providing SilverSneakers fitness classes, Heritage Hall at the Kentucky State Fair and the operating of the Fifty and Over Games annually."

Jon Pilbean, Supervisor of Recreation at Flaget, leads those SilverSneakers classes, and loves the active life his job affords, pointing out, "I don't sit behind a desk all day. I get to meet lots of interesting folks in our community, and every day I do something new." A Louisville native and Trinity High School graduate, he was still in high school when hired by Parks as a summer worker at Crescent Hill Golf Course, before moving over to recreation. He holds a degree in Justice Administration from U of L. Jon relishes the chance to try to make a difference in someone's life every day, and explains "Maybe that is as simple as a smile or taking an interest in someone's well-being."



Seniors staff members Bill Hinklin, Bobby Merideth, Jon Pilbean and Kelly Price.

Smiling is no problem for Kelly Price, Recreation Assistant at Wilderness Road, who on a recent day at the center was all smiles as she joined a group of senior women who had gathered to play UNO. Raised in Brandenburg, Kentucky, and a Meade County High School graduate, Kelly came to Louisville for career opportunities and spent a few years working for the company that operates Jefferson Manor. Her favorite part of the job? "Helping people and keeping them company," says Kelly. "As long as I make someone smile and feel good, then my job has been completed."

Bill Hinklin has worked for Metro Parks twice in his professional career! He first joined Parks in the early 1970's after earning a B.S. in Recreation from the University of Louisville. He then spent 25 years with the Louisville Division of Fire, before retiring in 1999. When the opportunity arose to again work for Parks, he took it and is now Supervisor at Wilderness Road. Bill believes that recreation is different for everyone and that it's important to support the types of activities the seniors want to do. "Try to listen to what people have to say," Bill advises. "Try to get all the seniors to participate in activities and feel welcome and part of the group."

Bobby Merideth summed up what could be a great slogan for the goals of this team, in serving the seniors in our community:

"There are no strangers here, only friends who haven't met!"

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In the Swim of Things

Metro Parks offers year-round swimming and fitness opportunities at the indoor Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center, and operates 4 outdoor summer pools. The Aquatic Center offers lap swim, water exercise and swim classes, as well as a weight room with Cybex, free weight and cardio equipment. All Metro Parks swimming pool facilities are smoke-free.

Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center



Crescent Hill Park
201 Reservoir Ave 40206
phone 502/897-9949
fax 502/897-2549
email parks@louisvilleky.gov

Spring Hours

The Aquatic Center will be open these hours through August.

Mon-Fri 5 a.m.-9 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Admission

Children (12 and younger).....\$3
Adults (13 and older)\$5.50
Seniors\$4.50
Therapy Pool (1 hour max).....\$3.50

FEATURED PROGRAMS

See pages 7 and 8, go to metro-parks.org or visit the facility for a full schedule

Membership

Monthly Individual.....\$45
Monthly Family\$75
Monthly Senior\$38.50
Monthly Senior Family\$55
Annual Individual.....\$355
Annual Family.....\$520
Annual Senior\$320
Annual Senior Family\$470

Swim Lessons

While it's cold and wet outside, come in and take advantage of all the different indoor facilities at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center!

Weekday and weekend swim lessons are available for infants, toddlers, children and adults, as well as classes for Pre/Post Natal, Cardiac Club, Water Walking, Yoga, Stroke Clinic and M.S. and related conditions. Hydro Boot Camp is also held there.



Children

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a guardian 12 or older.

Accessibility

Chair lifts for persons with disabilities are available. If you require a specific accommodation, call 502/897-9949.

ID Policy

Patrons 9 and older must have an ID to enter a Metro Parks swimming pool. IDs can be made at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center and the Fairdale and Norton pools during regular pool hours. The cost is \$4 per ID. Proof of name and address must be provided.

New Classes!

Silver Sneakers
Mon, Tue, Thu, 10-11 a.m.
Silver Aqua Splash..Tues., 9-10 a.m.
Thu, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Making a Racquet

Louisville Tennis Center

in Joe Creason Park
3783 Illinois Ave 40213
phone 502/456-8140
email pete.mcgrath@louisvilleky.gov

LTC Court Fees

Peak\$20/hour
Off-Peak\$14/hour

The Louisville Tennis Center, named the 2008 USTA Kentucky Tennis Facility of the Year, is located between the Louisville Zoo and the Bluegrass Nature Preserve, in Joe Creason Park on Trevilian Way.

The Tennis Center is the most historic facility of its kind in Kentucky. Arthur Ashe, Rod Laver, Jimmy Connors, Billie Jean King and John

McEnroe are just a few of the greats who have played there. The Center has 11 of the finest clay courts in the region, and can seat more than 4,000 comfortably. The facility is open to the public, and can be reserved based on availability.

The Tennis Center's courts are enclosed, and its clubhouse features locker rooms and showers. An outdoor grill and picnic area may be reserved by players.

The Center will be open no later than May 1, offering clinics, camps, leagues and lessons through October. The rest of the year, Center staff moves indoors for its programming.

For more information, visit louisvilleky.gov/MetroParks/outdoors/louisvilletennis-center/.



Metro Parks Tennis Courts

phone 502/368-5865
email parkspermits@louisvilleky.gov

Seasonal Court Permit

Two days a week, 1 1/2 hours a day, up to six weeks\$25

45 parks across Louisville Metro feature tennis courts, which may be reserved for play throughout the week all year long.

100% Natural

Jefferson Memorial Forest

Connect with nature through the exploration of this beautiful nature preserve. Jefferson Memorial Forest is Louisville's largest park; at nearly 6,400 acres and growing, it is the nation's largest municipal urban forest and the flagship of Metro Parks' Natural Areas Division.

If trails are your thing, the Forest features over 22 miles of marked hiking routes and 13 miles of marked multi-use hiking/horse routes. Kids and adults can participate in Family Fun Days, canoe our lakes, take guided hikes both day and night, romp with dogs and their owners, improve archery skills and more. Additionally, Forest staff will customize private nature, adventure and team-building programs for your school, club or company.

The Forest's picturesque Horine Conference Center, on one of the highest points in the Metro area, may be reserved for corporate, civic and social events far from the noise of the city.

Our Welcome Center is the spot to pick up gifts, buy bait, check out a free fishing pole or rent a campsite; as the Forest's center of operations it's the best place to find out about all the educational and recreational programs we offer. The Forest reserves the right to cancel or change programs due to insufficient registration, conditions or weather. Rain checks will be provided.

11311 Mitchell Hill Rd
Fairdale, KY 40118

phone 502/368-5404

web memorialforest.com

email forest@louisvilleky.gov

10 marked trails • 35 miles
Hiking, horseback riding, wheelchairs

Campgrounds

Conference Center

Environmental Education Center • With bird blind

Fishing Lake

Picnic shelters

Playground

Teams Course • Featuring Alpine Tower

Multiple Volunteer Opportunities

Directions

From I-65 take Gene Snyder Freeway west.
Exit at New Cut Rd, turn left, go one mile
and turn right onto Mitchell Hill Road.
Follow the signs to the Forest.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

See pages 7 and 8, go to memorialforest.com, or visit the park for a full schedule



Seniors

Metro Parks Senior Services offers a variety of social and athletic programs for senior citizens, including dances, card games and group outings to local events. These services are expanding to include monthly social events open to the public at area community centers. These monthly events will keep senior citizens active - and allow them to make new friends along the way!

Senior Services Office
[Flaget Senior Center
in Flaget Field Park]
4425 Greenwood Ave 40211

phone 502/574-2646
502/574-2831

Wilderness Road Senior Center
8111 Blue Lick Rd 40219

phone 502/964-5151

FEATURED PROGRAMS

See pages 7 and 8, go to
metro-parks.org or visit the
facilities for a full schedule



Silver Sneakers senior fitness is offered at Beechmont, California, Douglass, Flaget and Sun Valley community centers, and the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center. Days and times vary.

Many participants' insurance covers the minimal program cost; call to see if you may be covered.

For information call 502/574-2646.

Profile: Baxter Square Park

The evolution of public parks in Louisville is often associated with Frederick Law Olmsted, but it was George Rogers Clark who first had the idea to designate areas of land here for public use. A century later in 1880, city leaders began to build on his plan and established Baxter Square, the city's first public park.

Prior to becoming a park, Baxter Square's land was a pioneer cemetery. By the mid-1800s the land was nearly full, and city leaders acquired what would become Western Cemetery so they could close it. Citizens moved their loved ones' bodies to other graveyards and the old cemetery fell into ruin. During the Civil War it was used as a campground, and afterwards the property became a playground.

Under Mayor John G. Baxter, in 1880 the cemetery was reborn as a public park. Gates were added, as well as walks, benches, fountains and a bandstand, and the park was named in the mayor's honor. It was a center of entertainment for a decade, but sadly in 1890 a tornado tore through Louisville and nearly destroyed the park, uprooting its trees and fences. By the end of that year city leaders deeded the land to the city's new Board of Park Commissioners, in order to restore the property to its former glory.



However, the commissioners had a vision for Louisville far beyond Baxter Square. In 1891 they invited famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted to speak at the Pendennis Club. Two days later he signed a contract to design the Board's ambitious plan for three suburban anchor parks and a connecting system of parks and parkways between them. Baxter Square was absorbed into Olmsted's larger plan.

Development toward the east shifted the city's center and by the turn of the century the Board's focus was on the development of outlying Iroquois, Shawnee and Cherokee parks, as well as newer neighborhood properties. Despite the popularity of the city's new parks, Baxter Square never regained its former stature.

Jumping ahead to 1941, a housing project named Beecher Terrace was constructed half a block from Baxter Square, and a thirty-foot strip of land between them was acquired by the Parks Board. The now two-acre park not only had a recreation hall but room for many more amenities: basketball courts, a picnic pavilion, playground and tennis courts. In time, the hall would be converted into Baxter Community Center and a sprayground would also be added.

While Frederick Law Olmsted deserves significant credit for his role in developing Louisville's park system, we shouldn't forget all the others who played a significant role in creating one of our nation's oldest park systems. And it all started with an old cemetery we know today as Baxter Square Park.

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Walk, Stroll, Hike, Sprint, Run

Hiking

Cherokee Park*

745 Cochran Hill Rd 40206

Fern Creek Park

8703 Ferndale Rd 40291

Iroquois Park*

2120 Rundill Rd 40214

Jefferson Memorial Forest

11311 Mitchell Hill Rd 40118

phone 368-5404

35 miles of trails, plus a paved disability-accessible trail.

Hays Kennedy Park

7303 Beachland Beech Rd 40059

phone 583-3060

Trails in Garvin Brown Preserve managed by River Fields.

McNeely Lake Park

10500 Cedar Creek Rd 40229

Charlie Vettiner Park*

5550 Charlie Vettiner Park Rd 40299

Waverly Park

4800 Waverly Park Rd 40214

*Unmarked trails



Cross Country

Champions Park

2930 River Rd 40206

3.1 miles

Joe Creason Park

1297 Trevilian Way 40213

3.1 to 6.2 miles

Seneca Park

3151 Pee Wee Reese Rd 40207

3.1 Miles

Walking and Exercise

Algonquin Park

1614 Cypress St 40210

● 0.25 mile, walking

Beargrass Creek Greenway

2001 Lexington Rd 40206

1.33 miles, multi-use

Blue Lick Park

4114 Mudd Ln 40229

.25 mile, walking

Breslin Park

1388 Lexington Rd 40206

0.33 mile, multi-use



On the 18-hole Metro Parks golf courses, cart paths on the back nine holes are open to walkers and joggers weekdays from 6 to 8 a.m. See page 6.

● Several parks are home to the **Mayor's Miles**, green dots along the exercise paths to help you track your progress. 10 green dots equal one Mayor's Mile!

Butchertown Greenway

From Brownsboro Road to River Rd

0.5 mile, multi-use

Camp Taylor Memorial Park

4201 Lee Ave 40213

Cane Run Road Park

4816 Cane Run Rd 40216

0.75 mile, walking

Cherokee Park

745 Cochran Hill Rd 40206

Baringer Path • 0.6 mile, multi-use

Scenic Loop • 2.4 miles, multi-use

Willow Pond • 0.375 mile, walking

Chickasaw Park

1200 Southwestern Pkwy 40211

1 mile, fitness

Carrie Gaubert Cox Park

3730 River Rd 40207

1 mile, multi-use

Joe Creason Park

1297 Trevilian Way 40213

Park Loop • 1.5 miles, multi-use

Newburg-Illinois • 0.875 mile, multi-use

Newburg Loop • 0.5 mile, multi-use

Des Pres Park

4709 Lowe Rd 40220

0.5 mile, walking

Flaget Field Park

4425 Greenwood Ave 40211

0.25 mile, walking

Highview Park

7201 Outer Loop 40228

0.33 mile, walking

Iroquois Park

2120 Rundill Rd 40214

New Cut Road • 1.6 miles, multi-use

● Rundill Rd • 3.5 miles, multi-use

Summit Hill • 0.25 mile, walking

Toppill Road • 0.5 mile, multi-use

Uppill Road • 1.5 miles, multi-use

Jefferson Memorial Forest

11311 Mitchell Hill Rd 40118

Tom Wallace Recreation Area

• 0.25 mile, walking

Hays Kennedy Park

7303 Beachland Beech Rd 40059

0.75 mile, walking

Klondike Park

3809 Klondike Ln 40218

0.33 mile, walking

Long Run Park

1605 Flat Rock Rd 40245

1.7 miles, multi-use

Ohio River Levee Trail

From Farnsley-Moremn Landing to north of Riverview Park

6.5 miles, multi-use

Petersburg Park

5008 East Indian Tr 40218

0.35 mile, walking

RiverWalk

From Fourth St and

River Rd to Chickasaw Park

Paved path crosses Chickasaw,

Lannan and Shawnee Parks

• 6.9 miles, multi-use

Roberson Run Walking Path

8205 Judge Blvd 40219

0.5 mile, multi-use

Seneca Park

3151 Pee Wee Reese Rd 40207

● 1.2 miles, walking

Shawnee Park

4501 W Broadway 40211

● 1.3 miles, multi-use

Shelby Park

600 East Oak St 40203

0.6 mile, walking

South Central Park

2400 Colorado Ave 40208

0.33 mile, walking

Southern Parkway Bridle Path

Western Side

2.6 miles, multi-use

Thurman Hutchins Park

3734 River Rd 40207

● 0.8 mile, walking

Tyler Park

1501 Castlewood Ave 40204

0.125 mile, walking

Upper River Road Path

From Zorn Ave to Indian Hills Tr

1.125 miles, multi-use

Charlie Vettiner Park

5550 Charlie Vettiner Park Rd 40299

0.25 mile, fitness

Victory Park

1051 South 23rd St 40210

0.4 mile, walking

Watterson Lake

1714 South Wheatmore Dr 40215

0.25 mile, walking

Waverly Park

4800 Waverly Park Rd 40214

0.4 mile, walking

Wyandotte Park

1104 Beecher St 40215

0.25 mile, walking



Fitness Classes

Fitness classes currently being held at the Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center (see page 3) and the fifteen Metro Parks community centers and specialty centers (pages 13 and 14).

Adults

Group fitness using dynamic cross-training. Most classes use body weight for resistance but elastic bands and light weights can be used as well. All instruction is provided.

Weight Rooms

Beechmont, California, Flaget, Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center, Parkhill, Portland, Shawnee, South Louisville, Southwick, Sun Valley

Dance

Callisthenics are combined with repetitive dance routines to improve heart health. Aerobics offers cardiovascular workout with low body impact. Zumba classes feature exotic rhythms set to a high-energy Latin or international beat.

Aerobics

Cyril Allgeier, Sun Valley

Hip Hop

Shawnee Arts and Cultural

Line Dancing

South Louisville, Sun Valley

Zumba

Beechmont, Newburg, Shawnee Arts and Cultural, Southwick, Sun Valley

Seniors

Senior classes provide active and non-active seniors an opportunity to improve health and learn training techniques and styles in a group setting. Classes focus on functional training, balance, strength, endurance and range of motion.

Silver Sneakers

California, Douglass, Flaget, Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center

Senior Fitness

Beechmont, South Louisville, Sun Valley, Wilderness Road

Specialty

Adaptive Exercise

Adaptive Leisure Activities

Aqua Exercise

Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center



Metro Parks Goes Green(s)

Metro Parks' top-ranked courses are open seven days a week, barring occasional closures or weather restrictions.

Each course has a men's, women's and junior's association. Memberships fund tournaments, USGA handicaps, and other events. When possible, golfers who can't afford fees may perform work at a course to earn play privileges.

Flat-soled shoes, tennis, and plastic soft-spike shoes are allowed at all Metro Parks golf facilities. No spikes, cleats or athletic shoes are allowed.

If you are planning a company or charity outing, our courses combine affordable rates with excellent amenities and service. Contact one of our golf professionals; they can help you plan all the details.

**Metro Parks Golf Desk
in Joe Creason Park**
1297 Trevilian Way 40233-7280
phone 502/456-8134
fax 502/456-3269

Cherokee Golf Course
2501 Alexander Rd 40204
phone 502/458-9450
pro Greg Basham, PGA

Crescent Hill Golf Course
3110 Brownsboro Rd 40206
phone 502/896-9193
pro Barry Bonifield, PGA

Iroquois Golf Course
1501 Rundill Rd 40214
phone 502/363-9520
pro Paul Schuchard, PGA

Long Run Golf Course
1605 Flat Rock Rd 40245
phone 502/245-9015
pro George "Moe" Demling, PGA
Course includes The First Tee of
Louisville, youth golf instruction.

Bobby Nichols Golf Course
[next to Waverly Park]
4301 East Pages Ln 40272
phone 502/937-9051
pro George Johnson, PGA tour

Seneca Golf Course
2300 Pee Wee Reese Rd 40205
phone 502/458-9298
pro Kevin Greenwell, PGA

FEATURED PROGRAMS

See pages 7 and 8, go to metro-parks.org or visit the facilities for a full schedule



Crescent Hill Golf Course

Shawnee Golf Course
460 Northwestern Pkwy 40212
phone 502/776-9389
pro Craig S. Heibert, PGA
Course includes BellSouth Youth Golf
Academy, free to ages 18 and under,
and The First Tee of Louisville youth
golf instruction.

Sun Valley Golf Course
6505 Bethany Ln 40272
phone 502/937-9228
pro Barry Basham, PGA

Charlie Vettiner Golf Course
10207 Mary Dell Ln 40299
phone 502/267-9958
pro Mark Kemper, PGA



Metro Parks Calendar of Events

This is a select list of events and programs held at Metro Parks sites this season. Some programs require registration beforehand to attend. Call the facility or office responsible for information on prices, rain dates, etc., or to learn more about additional programs.

February

Beginning Spanish class
Shawnee Arts & Cultural Center
Every Tue
4:30-6:30 pm.

Instructor is Rudy Guerrero. Ages 6-12. Free

Reds Rookie Success League
Metro Parks Athletics

Sign up
Feb 1-June 7

Reds Rookie Success League is a free, co-ed, character-building summer baseball program in its sixth summer in Louisville. It is an introductory program dedicated to improving the lives of youth by leveraging the traditions of baseball and the Cincinnati Reds. It is for boys and girls ages 5 to 12, featuring the fundamentals of baseball and girls' fast pitch softball. Participants get free snacks, a field trip, free hat and uniform shirt, and face time with Reds players and coaches.



Dollhouses on Display

Locust Grove

Feb 4-22

Regular hours

The Louisville Miniature Club, which oversaw the restoration of Locust Grove's dollhouse, will display houses and other tiny worlds. Stop by the Visitors Center to marvel at the intricate skills put into these charming miniatures.

Senior Nutrition

Wilderness Road Senior Center

Daily
11:30 a.m.

Free

Frederick Law Olmsted Parks Volunteer Project

Seneca Park

Sat, Feb 4
9 a.m.-Noon

Your help is needed to restore Seneca Park, one of this community's most popular destinations! Gloves, tools, guidance and refreshments provided.



Painting Class With Esther
Wilderness Road Senior Center

Every Thu
1-4 p.m.

Free

Movie of the Month:
Madea's Witness Protection
Adapted Leisure Activities

Wed, Feb 6
6:30-8:30 p.m.

Held at Douglass Comm. Center. Ages 18 and older. Fee: \$2

Karate

Shawnee Arts & Cultural Center

Tue & Wed
6-8 p.m.

Instructors: Sensei Baba and Sensei Goman. The Center is proud to be a new site for the Shawnee Karate Academy. Ages 6 and older. Free

Valentine's Dance
Adapted Leisure Activities

Sat, Feb 9
7-9 p.m.

Held at Douglass Comm. Center Gym. Dress is church or banquet attire. Ages 16 and older. Fee: \$5



Photo Emulsion Screen Printing Class
Metro Arts Center

Tue, Feb 12-Mar 5
6-8 p.m.

Learn to make prints using the photo emulsion method, with Allen Martin. Ages 14 and older. Fee: \$45

Girl Talk:
Make Your Own Journal
Adapted Leisure Activities

Wed, Feb 13
6-7:30 p.m.

Held at Douglass Comm. Center. Ages: 18 and older. Fee: \$3

FOX (Families Outside X-ploring): Winter in Waverly Park

Jefferson Memorial Forest

Sat, Feb 16
9 a.m.-Noon

Throughout the year, naturalists will help your family X-plore, get away from technology and closer to each other and nature! Hike through forests and fields, and along our river, lakes and ponds. You'll play, hike, discover, build, experience, catch critters and get muddy. Bring water bottles, a snack and dress appropriately. Fee: \$8/Family

Beginning Ballet I

Shawnee Arts & Cultural Center

Mon, Feb 18
5:30-7 p.m.

Continuous 8-week sessions thru May. For students who have completed beginning ballet. Proper dance attire is required. Ages 6-9. Fee: \$35

Learning and Special Interest: Mixed Media

Adapted Leisure Activities

Tue, Feb 19
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Held at Douglass Comm. Center. Ages 18 and older. Fee: \$5



March

Spring Book Sale
Locust Grove

March 1, 2 & 3
10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

More than 12,000 used, antiquarian, and new books of all kinds. Prices begin at \$1 for paperbacks and \$2 for hardcovers, along with specially-priced illustrated books, rarities and sets. All will be sorted and in good condition. Free

Zumba

Shawnee Arts & Cultural Center

Every Sat
10-11 a.m.

Dance fitness combining stretching, toning and strengthening with a Latin flair. Classes can be modified to any workout level. Fee: \$2/class

Frederick Law Olmsted Parks Volunteer Project
Iroquois Park

Sat, Mar 9
9 a.m.-Noon

Help preserve Iroquois Park, "Louisville's Yellowstone." Gloves, tools, guidance and refreshments provided. Dress for weather and working outdoors.

Hershey Track and Field Games
Metro Parks Athletics

Reg. Mar 15-May 7
Games May 8, 4-8 p.m.

Learning, participation and physical exercise are the main elements of this program geared for boys and girls ages 9 to 14. They will participate in 50, 100, 200 and 400 M, 800 M dash, 1600 M run, relays, long jumps and softball throws at Fern Creek High School.

Night Climbing

Jefferson Memorial Forest

Fri, Mar 22,
7-9:30 p.m.

Challenge yourself to climb our 52-foot Alpine Tower in the dark, for ages 10 and older. Fee: \$10/person

Spring Co-Ed Adult Softball, Kickball and Flag Football Leagues

Various locations

Reg. Mar 25-Apr 29
Games begin May 6

Men and women's athletic leagues, Sunday through Friday evenings at Camp Taylor Memorial, Seneca, Highview, Cherokee, and Thurman Hutchins Parks.

Elementary Level Cross-Country League

Joe Creason Park

Mar 21 & 28, Apr 11 & 18
6 p.m.

Four-week, one-day league for boys and girls kindergarten to fifth grade. Teams run a 2K course each week. No individual signups. League is limited to eight elementary schools.

Pitch Hit & Run Competition
Metro Parks Athletics

Sat, Mar 30 & Apr 13
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 7-14 get the chance to show off their skills in baseball and softball. Winners move up through competition to the national level. Held at Seneca and Shawnee parks. Free

April

Riverside Plant and Herb Sale
Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremén Landing

Sat, Apr 13, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun, Apr 14, Noon-3 p.m.

Perennials, annuals, herbs and vegetables, plus great gardening tips! Early Bird Preview 4/12, 4-7 p.m. Free



Frederick Law Olmsted Parks Volunteer Project
Seneca Park

Sat, Apr 20
9 a.m.-Noon

Your help is needed to restore this popular community destination during the Mayor's Week of Service. Gloves, tools, guidance, refreshments provided.

Metro Parks Calendar of Events

☆ **Program registration not required**

★ **Program registration required**

Contact information available on this page:
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FOX (Families Outside X-ploring): Spring in Jefferson Memorial Forest

Sat, Apr 20
9 a.m.-Noon

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Revolutionary War Encampment: 18th Century Thunder

Locust Grove

Sat & Sun,
Apr 20
& 21
10 a.m.-
4:30 p.m.

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Companies representing General Clark's troops will reenact life in a camp, including cooking, drilling and other demonstrations and

will take part in a memorial service to their leader. You'll hear the thunder of muskets, and the melodies of the rifle and drum. Fee: adults \$6; children \$3

Men's Senior Softball League

Camp Taylor Memorial Park

M, T, Th, Apr 22-Sept 12

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Derby Brunch on the River

Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremom Landing

Sun, Apr 28

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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Enjoy brunch overlooking the Ohio from our beautiful and historic viewpoint. Tickets: \$65/person or \$500/Table of 8. An official Kentucky Derby Festival 2013 event.

Louisville Youth Orchestra: "And They're Off!"

Iroquois Amphitheater

Sun, Apr 28
Time TBA

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May

Gardeners Fair and Silent Auction

Locust Grove
Fri-Sun, May 10-12
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Visitors have the chance to buy flowers, herbs and plants, along with tools, gardening accessories, sculptures, water garden items and yard furniture. The auction is a fundraiser for Locust Grove and will feature antiques, quilts and other handiwork, plus art, gardening accessories and gift certificates. General admission (includes a tour of Locust Grove): \$6; \$3 for children ages 6 to 12

Frederick Law Olmsted Parks Volunteer Project

Iroquois Park

Sat, May 11
10 a.m.-Noon

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Help preserve "Louisville's Yellow-stone." Gloves, tools, guidance and refreshments provided. Dress for weather and working outdoors.

Fifty and Over Senior Games Senior Services

May
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Opportunities for fun and competition for seniors, all around the Metro area: golf, bowling, table tennis, billiards, archery, basketball, corn toss, track and field events and more! See story on page 6. Fee: \$30

Forest Fest Bluegrass Music Festival

Jefferson Memorial Forest

Sat, May 18
11 a.m.-8 p.m.

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Come out to the Forest for a great day filled with music, handmade crafts and fun events and activities for the entire family. Free; parking is \$10

The Louisville Winds in Concert

Iroquois Amphitheater

Sat, May 19
Time TBA

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Crescent Hill Golf Course

Ongoing

All contact info for the centers under this heading may be found on pages 13 and 14.

Arts and Crafts

Shelby Park Comm. Center
Wed & Thu, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Taking Charge of Your Financial Future

Shawnee Arts & Cultural Center
Second Tue, 7-8 p.m.

Co-Ed Archery

Newburg Comm. Center
Saturdays, 10 a.m.-Noon
Ages 10-17

Homework Help & Tutoring

Parkhill Comm. Center
Teens, Tue-Fri, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
Kids, Tue-Fri, 4:30 p.m.

Senior Body Shaping

South Louisville Comm. Center
Tue & Thu, 10 am, \$5/5 classes

Co-Ed Softball

Southwick Comm. Center
Wednesdays,
5:30-6:30 p.m.

Karate

California Comm. Center
Mondays, Wed, 6-8 p.m.

Creative Kids

Sun Valley Comm. Center
Tuesdays, 6:15 p.m.

Teen Weight Training

Beechmont Comm. Center
Fridays, 4-5 p.m.

Karate

Portland Comm. Center
Mondays & Wednesdays,
6-8:45 p.m.

11-18 Intra-Center Basketball League

Baxter Comm. Center
Mondays-Thursdays
6-8 p.m.

Seniors Program

Portland Comm. Center
Tuesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Walking Club

South Louisville Comm. Center
Tue-Thu, 9:30 a.m.-Noon and
6-7 p.m., Sat 10 a.m.-Noon

Women Fifty and Over Open Basketball

Cyril Allgeier Comm. Center
Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.

Crafty Kids

Baxter Comm. Center
Mondays, 4-6 p.m.

T'ai Chi

Beechmont Comm. Center
Tue & Thu, Noon-1 p.m.

Buddies for Seniors

Baxter Comm. Center
2nd & 4th Tuesdays,
Noon-2 p.m.

LINKS Program

Parkhill Comm. Center
Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Wheelchair Basketball

Douglass Comm. Center
Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m.

Living Fit and Fun with Diabetes

Shawnee Arts & Cultural Center
First Tue, Noon-1 p.m.
Douglass Comm. Center
Third Thursday, 5 p.m.

Kiddie Kitchen

Southwick Comm. Center
Tuesdays & Thursdays,
5:30-7 p.m.

Senior Programs

Parkhill Comm. Center
Tue & Thu, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Basic Cooking Skills Class

Newburg Comm. Center
Wednesdays, 5-6:30 p.m.

Play, Create, Learn

Numerous arts resources and programs are available through Metro Parks, from pottery to guitar playing and theater classes. Partnering with organizations such as The Kentucky Center for the Arts, the Louisville Orchestra and the Louisville Visual Art Association makes them possible. Metro Parks is committed to quality and diverse arts programming for everyone.

phone 502/933-5611
email portia.muhammad@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Arts Center

8360 Dixie Hwy 40258
phone 502/937-2055
email metroarts@louisvilleky.gov

Mon-Thu 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri & Sat 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Shawnee Arts and Cultural Center

607 South 37th St 40211
phone 502/775-5268

Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 4-7 p.m.
Fri 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

See pages 7 and 8 or go to metro-parks.org or visit one of our facilities for a full schedule.



Everyone Can Have Fun Here!

Athletics



Adapted Leisure Activities offers activities for individuals with mental and/or physical disabilities and their friends and families. Programs include wheelchair basketball, aqua exercise, bowling, dances, assisted shopping and more. The Adapted Leisure staff also works with other Metro Parks programs to ensure people with disabilities can participate in recreation activities.

Adapted Leisure Activities



2305 Douglass Blvd #3 40205
phone 502/456-8148
web metro-parks.org
click Recreation
email aleisure@louisvilleky.gov
Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

See pages 7 and 8, go to metro-parks.org or visit the facility for a full schedule

Louisville Tennis Center

in Joe Creason Park
3783 Illinois Ave 40203

phone 502/456-8173

fax 502/456-8168

email athletics@louisvilleky.gov

Metro Parks offers seasonal leagues in these sports through the year:

- ✦ Adult men's basketball
- ✦ Adult co-ed flag football
- ✦ Adult men's flag football
- ✦ Adult co-ed kickball
- ✦ Adult men's softball
- ✦ Adult co-ed softball

Employees will help organize leagues, tournaments and clinics. In-person registration is encouraged, and fees are due at registration.

Metro Parks reserves the right to cancel a league and refund fees for lack of participation.

You may call for Athletics information weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information about Metro Parks basketball leagues call 502/456-8117.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

See pages 7 and 8, call, or go to metro-parks.org for a full schedule



Joe Creason Park

Olmsted Parks

Willow Park



Frederick Law Olmsted Parks

1299 Trevilian Way
Louisville KY 40213

phone 502/456-8125

web olmstedparks.org

email info@olmstedparks.org

In 1891 Frederick Law Olmsted, the Father of American Landscape Architecture, was invited to Louisville to design a park system for the city. Eventually 18 parks and six parkways were completed under Mr. Olmsted and his firm's direction. His influence permeated the developing city, including designs for many of our civic institutions.

Frederick Law Olmsted's parks are anchors of the city; the neighborhoods that

sprung up around these beautiful spaces bring people together, provide health benefits and build a stronger community. You can do your part to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy these parks as we do today. Support the Olmsted parks by going to our website or calling and becoming a member.

Volunteer!

Spend one day a year or a few hours each month volunteering in a Frederick Law Olmsted park. Volunteers are vital in keeping the parks healthy, so please consider volunteering today. Contact Sarah Wolff at sarah.wolff@olmstedparks.org or call our number for more information.

FEATURED ACTIVITIES

See pages 7 and 8, go to olmstedparks.org, or call 502/456-8125 for a full schedule

Historic Homes

Riverside, The Farnsley-Moremén Landing

7410 Moorman Rd 40272

phone 502/935-6809

web riverside-landing.org

email info@riverside-landing.org

Tue-Sat..... 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sun..... 1-4:30 p.m.

RIVERSIDE
THE FARNSELEY-MOREMEN LANDING

Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremén Landing, is a 300-acre historic farm on the Ohio River. The centerpiece of the site is the restored 1837 Farnsley-Moremén house. In the 19th century travelers stopped here to trade, take on fuel and rest. Visitors today tour the house and its historic grounds. The house acknowledges both families who called it home during the 1800s: builder Gabriel Farnsley and Israel and Nannie Moremén and their family.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

See pages 7 and 8, go to riverside-landing.org, or visit the facility for a full schedule

Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremén Landing



Locust Grove

561 Blankenbaker Ln 40207

phone 502/897-9845

web locustgrove.org

email lghh@locustgrove.org

Mon-Sat..... 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sun..... 1-4:30 p.m.



Locust Grove was built circa 1790 by William Croghan, a veteran of the Revolutionary War who married General George Rogers Clark's sister Lucy. After an accident, Clark came to live at the farm in 1809.

Locust Grove sits on 55 acres and includes gardens, woodlands, outbuildings and a visitor center with gallery and store. The site is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.

FEATURED PROGRAMS

See pages 7 and 8, go to locustgrove.org, or visit the facility for a full schedule

metro-parks.org



Fishing

Volunteers

Waverly Park



Fishing

Cherokee Park

745 Cochran Hill Rd 40206

4.6 acre lake with accessible pier

Chickasaw Park

1200 Southwestern Pkwy 40211

1.6 acre lake - catch and release only

Fisherman's Park

5607 Old Heady Rd 40299

8 lakes, 15.2 acres total

Iroquois Park

2120 Rundill Rd 40214

1.1 acre lake

Jefferson Memorial Forest

Tom Wallace Lake

off Mitchell Hill Rd 40118

5.4 acre lake with accessible pier

Long Run Park

1605 Flat Rock Rd 40245

28.7 acre lake with boat ramp

McNeely Lake Park

10500 Cedar Creek Rd 40229

46.2 acre lake with accessible pier and boat ramp

William F. Miles Park

15712 Shelbyville Rd 40245

4 lakes, 12.5 acres total

Thurman Hutchins Park

3734 River Rd 402007

Accessible pier

Charlie Vettiner Park

5550 Charlie Vettiner Park Rd 40299

1.2 acre lake

Watterson Lake Park

1714 S Wheatmore Dr 40215

4.1 acre lake with accessible pier

Waverly Park

4800 Waverly Park Rd 40214

5.3 acre lake

River Frontage

Eva Bandman Park

1701 River Rd 40206

Chickasaw Park

1200 Southwestern Pkwy 40211

Carrie Gaulbert Cox Park

3730 River Rd 40207

Accessible pier, boat ramp

Hays Kennedy Park

7303 Beachland Beech Rd 40059

Access by Garvin Brown Preserve

Kulmer Reserve Park

17200 Kulmer Beach Rd 40177

Riverview Park

8202 Greenwood Rd 40258

Boat ramp

Shawnee Park

4501 W Broadway 40211



Fishing Lake Rules & Laws

- ✱ Eating fish from these lakes may be harmful to your health.
- ✱ Fisherman's, Jefferson Memorial Forest, Cherokee and William F. Miles lakes may be stocked with rainbow trout, which require a Trout Permit to catch and keep.
- ✱ Obey posted fishing hours.
- ✱ Electric motors are permitted. Gasoline motors are allowed in the Ohio River, but not on lakes.
- ✱ A valid Kentucky fishing license is required.
- ✱ Many parks are stocked with grass carp. Carp are vital to lake ecology and must be returned after being caught.
- ✱ No trotlines are permitted.
- ✱ No fishing from dams or spillways.
- ✱ Do not put fish caught elsewhere into these lakes.
- ✱ Please be good stewards of these lakes and surroundings. Clean up debris such as cans and waste from cleaning fish.

Fishing licenses may be purchased at retail outlets, bait and tackle shops and stores selling fishing equipment. They are also available at the Welcome Center of the Jefferson Memorial Forest (see page 4).

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife stocks Metro Parks lakes. For information on Kentucky's water recreation laws, call them at 800/858-1549.

Make a Lasting Impact!

Volunteer with Metro Parks

Volunteers involved in maintaining and enhancing our parks system help Louisville's mission of being a City of Parks where people play, learn, grow, and be healthy. Participation isn't only a vital component of a healthy community, it's also fun!

Adopt-A-Park

The Mayor's Adopt-a-Park Program is a great way for businesses, neighborhood associations, places of worship and school groups to be involved in maintaining our community's 120 parks on an ongoing basis. Groups do routine, self-directed services - from litter and limb pickup to approved projects like painting and mulching - with guidance from Metro Parks staff.

Individuals

Opportunities for individuals include gardening and giving tours at a historic home, tutoring, teaching or coaching at a community center,

helping out with Senior programs, and assisting with naturalist programs in Natural Areas.

Groups

Opportunities for groups include one-day projects, from mulching, invasive plant removal and trail maintenance, to major improvements to parks, community centers, pools and other facilities.

Metro Parks Needs You!

Information about how to get involved may be found online at metro-parks.org. Visit the "Volunteer Opportunities" and "Get Involved" pages. You'll find descriptions of the Mayor's Adopt-A-Park program, a Volunteer Opportunity directory, application forms, pre-approved one-day or short-term group projects, and instructions on how to schedule projects.

You may contact Metro Parks with questions on volunteer activities at 502/456-8100, or via email at parks@louisvilleky.gov.

Outstanding Volunteers

USTA Tennis Program Volunteers

Thanks to a combined \$14,100 grant - \$12,100 from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and \$2,000 from the Louisville Metro Parks Foundation - last July five brand new tennis courts were dedicated in California Park. Four are flashy new youth courts, and one is for adults. But the courts' impact in the area goes beyond just their construction.

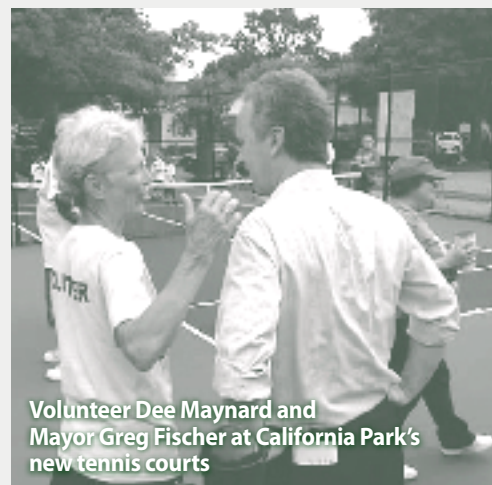
The grants are also providing sports-related public service at the park's community center and on the new courts. Volunteers Dee Maynard, Bruce Stone and Charles Crawford, through the Association's efforts, have been giving free tennis lessons at California Park to local elementary and middle school age students.

These volunteers, each either a former pro or tennis coach, are dedicated to having a meaningful, positive impact on youths' lives. The program so far has been a great success. Ms. Maynard, who helps lead and organize tennis events, says participants' "ability to learn exceeded my ability to teach."

Maynard adds that the program opens doors for the students, providing healthy physical activity, teaching them life skills, providing incentives and even strengthening their reading skills. Thanks to the program's "Reading for Racquets"

component, those who read five books and write a book report can earn a free tennis racquet and balls.

Thanks in part to these volunteer efforts, California Community Center and Wheatley Elementary School were inspired to partner up and create a tennis tournament for youth ten and under, which took place during this past December's winter school break. 55 participants, 21 volunteers and over 60 spectators attended the successful inaugural event.



Volunteer Dee Maynard and Mayor Greg Fischer at California Park's new tennis courts



The Metro Parks Foundation

This city's abundance of parks and recreational areas is one of the top assets impacting quality of life in Louisville. The Louisville Metro Parks Foundation (LMPF) is dedicated to improving and expanding our gift of parks and open spaces to future generations of Louisvillians.

Your gifts, received and managed by the Louisville Metro Parks Foundation, enable us to provide additional amenities above and beyond what tax revenues alone can accomplish.

LMPF is kicking off a 5 year campaign to renovate three playgrounds in western Louisville: California, Lannan and Russell Lee parks. The Foundation and Louisville Metro Parks are partnering with the DREAM (Duchenne Research Education and Miracle) Foundation to allow children and adults of all abilities to play together and enjoy those recreational areas.

You can help improve Louisville's parks by contributing to the Founda-

tion directly or through the Bench and Tree Donation Program.

It wouldn't be possible to reach our goals if it were not for generous donations from the large-hearted individuals and corporations in our community. If you would like to be involved in improving and expanding Louisville's parks and recreational opportunities, please contact the Parks Foundation!

To make a donation contact:

Louisville Metro Parks Foundation

PO Box 37280

Louisville KY 40233-7280

phone 502/456-8100

web louisvillemetroparksfnd.org

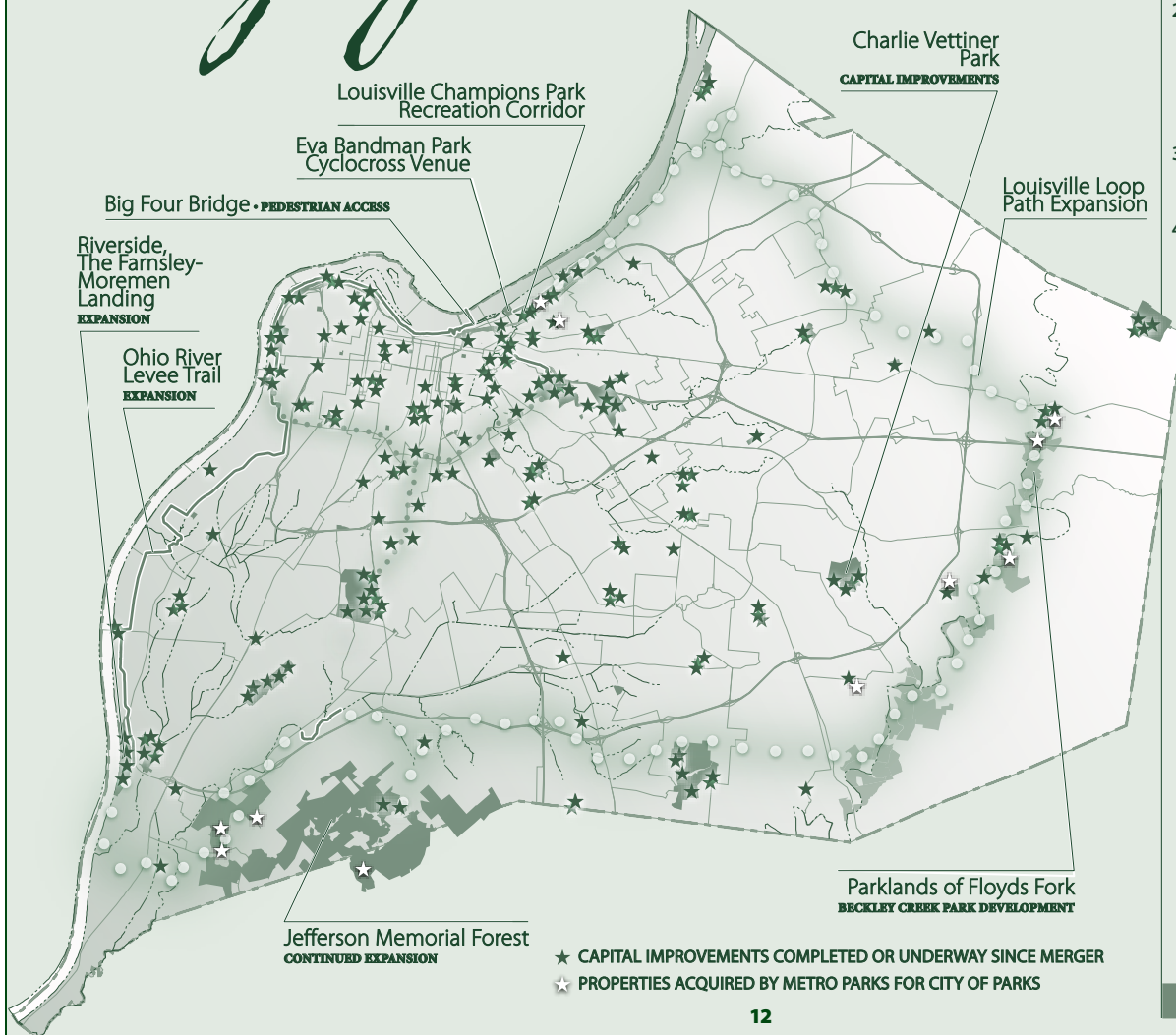
email erika.nelson@louisvilleky.gov

Gifts to the Foundation are tax-deductible (consult a tax expert).



City of Parks

City of Parks



Through a significant public/private partnership, several organizations are working together to:

1. Acquire land that will eventually become an interconnected system of parks every bit as vital as our historic Olmsted Parks.
2. Create a 100-mile paved Louisville Loop around Louisville Metro's perimeter, which will tie together the city's diverse parks and neighborhoods.
3. Significantly invest in the infrastructure of Louisville's existing parks.
4. Enhance the environmental education and outdoor recreation opportunities in Louisville.

Sign Up for Email Updates

Receive news updates and public meeting notices for the City of Parks, by going to metro-parks.org and clicking on the "Sign Up for Email Updates" button.

- ★ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED OR UNDERWAY SINCE MERGER
- ☆ PROPERTIES ACQUIRED BY METRO PARKS FOR CITY OF PARKS



Community Centers

Metro Parks operates 12 community centers, where you can shoot hoops, finish homework, exercise, learn a new craft or hobby, meet your neighbors, and more. Centers publish seasonal schedules covering activities taking place at each one. Call or visit your center for more information, or visit metro-parks.org.

Baxter

1125 Cedar Ct 40203
phone 502/574-2670

Mon-Thu Noon-9 p.m.
Fri 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Organizations

Baxter Buddies Seniors
..... Tue & Thu, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Beecher Terrace Resident Council
..... 1st & 3rd Thu, 5-6 p.m.
Boy Scouts Wed, 5-6 p.m.
Cheerleading Mon & Wed, 5:30-7 p.m.
Crafty Kids Arts Mon, 5-6 p.m.
Ladies Fitness Tue & Thu, 6-7 p.m.
Twelve and Under Gym Games
..... Mon-Fri, 5-6 p.m.

Young Gems Girls ..Fri, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Young People on the Move
..... Mon, 6-7 p.m.

Resources

Fitness Center • Gym • Teen Room

Beechmont

205 West Wellington Ave 40214
phone 502/361-5484

Mon 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (seniors only);
2-7 p.m. (everyone)
Tue-Thu 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Organizations

Hip Hop Dance Thu, 5-6:30 p.m.
Kids Kardio Wed, 5-6 p.m.
Silver Sneakers
Mon & Wed, Noon-1 p.m.;
Tue & Thu, 10-11 a.m.
Senior Fitness
Mon, Wed, Fri, 10-11 a.m.

Resources

Billiard Room • Cardiovascular Room
• Library • Pottery Studio • Senior Fitness/Nutrition • Weight Room

California

1600 West St. Catherine St 40210
phone 502/574-2658

Mon 2-8 p.m.
Tue 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wed 1-9 p.m.
Thu 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Organizations

Silver Sneakers Senior Fitness •
California Neighborhood Coalition •
California Neighborhood Federation

Resources

Arts & Crafts Room • Kiln • Education Lab • Weight Room • Football Field • Baseball Field • Kitchen • Banquet Space • Computer Lab • Game Room • Gym • Teen Room

Cyril Allgeier

4101 Cadillac Ct 40213
phone 502/456-3261

Mon 2-8 p.m.
Tue & Thu 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Wed 11 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Fri 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Organizations

Senior Walkers
..... Tue & Thu, 11 a.m.-Noon

Resources

Community Room • Game Room • Gym

Douglass

2305 Douglass Blvd 40205
phone 502/456-8120

Tue, Wed, Thu 10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Organizations

Angletree Folk Dancers ..Wed, 6 p.m.
Coffee Talk Book Club Tue, 1 p.m.
Low Impact Aerobics Wed, 7-8 p.m.
Highland/Douglass Neighborhood Association 1st Wed, 7 p.m.
Morris Senior Tap Rockerettes
..... Wed, 10 a.m.

Louisville Visual Arts Assoc.

Resources

Art Studio • Basketball Court • Game Room • Billiards Room • Gym • Meeting Room • Weight Room

Newburg

4810 Exeter Ave 40218
phone 502/456-8122

Mon & Tue 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Wed 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thu & Fri 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Organizations

Youth Daily, 3-5:30 p.m.

Resources

Arts & Crafts Room • Kitchen • Game Room • Gym

Parkhill

1703 South Thirteenth St 40210
phone 502/637-3044

Mon 2-8 p.m.
Tue & Thu 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wed 1-9 p.m.
Fri Noon-7 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Organizations

Fifty or Better Seniors
..... Tue, 7 p.m.; Thu 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Girl Talk Thu, 3:15-4:45 p.m.

Resources

Game Room • Gym • Teen Room • Tutoring • Weight Room

Portland

640 North 27th St 40212
phone 502/776-0913

Mon 2-8 p.m.
Tue 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wed & Thu 1-9 p.m.
Fri 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Organizations

Boy Scouts • Girl Scouts • Homework Heroes • Mackin Community Center • Neighborhood Place • Portland Health Center • Pride of Portland • Red Cross

Resources

Arts & Crafts Room • Game Room • Gym • Kiln • Kitchen • Meeting Room • Teen Room • Video Game Room • Weight Room

Shelby Park

600 East Oak St 40203
phone 502/574-1780

Mon-Thu 11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Fri 11 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat 9:30-1:30 p.m.

Organizations

Boy Scouts Thu, 5 p.m.
Boys & Girls Meeting Tue, 5 p.m.
Dance Team Tue, 5 p.m.
4H Club 1st Thu, 4:30 p.m.
Seniors Mon 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Shelby Park Neighborhood Association 4th Thu, 6 p.m.
Tutoring Mon & Tue, 4:30-6 p.m.

Resources

Arts & Crafts Room • Basketball Courts • Game Room • Kiln • Kitchen • Olmsted Park • Paved Walking Trail • Rental Space • Spray Pool • Tennis Courts • Urban Nature Study

South Louisville

2911 Taylor Blvd 40208
phone 502/574-3206

Mon 2-8 p.m.
Tue-Thu 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Organizations

Senior Body Shaping
..... Tue & Fri, 10-11 a.m.
Walking Tue & Thu, 6-7 p.m.

Resources

Gym • Kitchen • Meeting Room • Teen Room • Weight Room

Southwick

3621 Southern Ave 40211
phone 502/775-6598

Mon 2-8 p.m.
Tue-Thu 1-9:30 p.m.
Fri Noon-8:30 p.m.
Sat 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

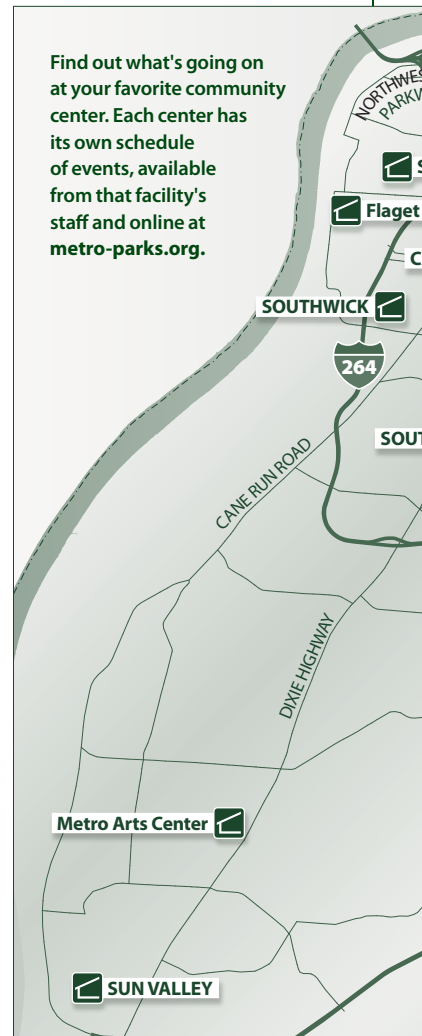
Organizations

Cub Scouts 6-7 p.m.

Resources

Game Room • Gym • Teen Room • Tutoring • Weight Room

Find out what's going on at your favorite community center. Each center has its own schedule of events, available from that facility's staff and online at metro-parks.org.



Sun Valley

6505 Bethany Ln 40272
phone 502/937-8802

Mon & Sat 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tue-Thu 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fri 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Organizations

Creative Kids Beads Tue, 5:30 p.m.
Scrapbooking Sat, 10 a.m.
Toddler Time Fri, 11 a.m.
Silver Sneakers ... Wed & Fri, 9:30 a.m.

Resources

Ballroom • Dance Room • Senior Fitness/Nutrition • Weight Room



Community Centers



Where Can I Find...?

Arts & Crafts

Baxter, Beechmont, California, Douglass, Flaget, Newburg, Parkhill, Portland, Shawnee Arts and Cultural, South Louisville, Sun Valley, Sylvania

Archery

Douglass, Newburg, Sun Valley

Book Club

Douglass, Shawnee Arts and Cultural

Boy Scouts/Boys Club

Baxter, Newburg, Portland, Sun Valley

Cheerleading

Parkhill

Chess/Dominoes

Baxter, Beechmont

Computer Lab

California, Parkhill, Portland, Shawnee Arts and Cultural, Southwick

Cooking

Douglass, Newburg

Cub Scouts

Baxter

Dance Team

Cyril Allgeier, Newburg

Dancing

Flaget, Sun Valley

Environmental Study

Shelby Park

Folk Dancing

Douglass

Game Room

Baxter, Beechmont, California, Cyril Allgeier, Douglass, Newburg, Parkhill, Portland, Shelby Park, South Louisville, Southwick, Sun Valley, Sylvania

Girl Scouts/Girls Club

Newburg, Portland, South Louisville

Gym/Fitness

Baxter, Beechmont, California, Cyril Allgeier, Douglass, Flaget, Newburg, Parkhill, Portland, Shawnee Arts and Cultural, South Louisville, Sun Valley, Sylvania

Homeschooling

Sun Valley

Kiln

Baxter, California, Douglass, Parkhill, Portland

Kitchen

Douglass, California, Portland, Shawnee Arts and Cultural

Line Dancing

Newburg, Shawnee Arts and Cultural, Sun Valley

Meeting Room

Douglass, Flaget, Portland, Sun Valley

Neighborhood Group

Douglass, Portland, Shelby Park, Shawnee Golf Course, Sun Valley

Nutrition

Newburg

Preschool

Shawnee Arts and Cultural

Salvation Army

Portland

Senior Fitness, Senior Nutrition and Other Programming

Beechmont, Cyril Allgeier, Douglass, Flaget, Portland, Shawnee Arts and Cultural, South Louisville, Sun Valley, Wilderness Road

Table Tennis

Beechmont

Tae Kwon Do

Sun Valley

T'ai Chi

Shawnee Arts and Cultural, Sun Valley

Teen Room

Baxter, California, Douglass, South Louisville, Parkhill, Portland, Shelby Park, South Louisville, Southwick

Toddler Program

Sun Valley

Tutoring

Dumeyer, Parkhill, Portland, Southwick

Video Game Room

Beechmont, Cyril Allgeier, Douglass

Visual Arts

Douglass, Metro Arts Center, Shelby Park, Shawnee Arts and Cultural

Walking Club

Cyril Allgeier, Douglass, South Louisville, Sun Valley

Weight Room

Baxter, Beechmont, California, Douglass, Newburg, Parkhill, Shawnee Arts and Cultural, South Louisville, Southwick, Sun Valley, Sylvania

Yoga

Shelby Park, South Louisville, Sun Valley

Zumba

Sun Valley

Senior Centers

Flaget Senior Center

4425 Greenwood Ave 40211
phone 502/574-2831 • 502/574-2646

Mon-Fri 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Organizations

Chess Club Tue, 2-4:30 p.m.
Silver Sneakers..Mon, Wed, Tue, Thu,
10 a.m.

Resources

Fitness Room • Meeting Room • Game Room • Video Room • Walking Track

Outreach

Metro Parks Senior Services partners with four community centers to provide senior nutrition programs: Beechmont, Shawnee Arts and Cultural, Sun Valley and Wilderness Road.



Wilderness Road Senior Center

8111 Blue Lick Rd 40219
phone 502/964-5151
email parks@louisvilleky.gov

Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Organizations

Foxy Ladies Bunco 4th Fri
Red Hat Society 2nd Mon

Arts Center

Shawnee Arts and Cultural Center

607 South 37th St 40211
phone 502/775-5268

Mon-Thu 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., 4-7 p.m.
Fri 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sat 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Resources

Kitchen • Gym

Beechmont Community Center



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Mission Statement

The mission of Louisville Metro Parks is to create a City of Parks where people can play, learn, grow and be healthy. The mission is accomplished by taking care of all parks properties and creating new ones, by providing safe and diverse recreational programs, and by protecting our public lands and resources for future generations.

Function and History

Metro Parks staff plans, operates and maintains 120 public parks on more than 13,000 acres of land, and various facilities and recreation programs within the Louisville Metro area.

The department was established in 1968, when the Louisville City Parks Department and the Jefferson County Parks Department combined. Metro Parks operates with funding from Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government.

Accessibility

It is the intent of Metro Parks to make all programs and facilities accessible to individuals with disabilities; if an accommodation is necessary for a patron's participation, please advise Metro Parks staff of the needed service in advance. For alternative versions of this Recreation Guide or any Metro Parks publication, call 502/456-8148 (voice), or 502/456-8183 (TDD).

Hours

Operating hours are posted at each park. Except for golf courses, Louisville Metro Parks facilities and programs are closed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and the following Friday, and Christmas Day.

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311 | 574-5000
Adapted Leisure Activities.....456-8148
Aquatics.....897-9949
Athletics.....456-8173 | rainouts • 458-0142
Brightside.....574-2613
Golf.....456-8145
Iroquois Park Amphitheater.....368-5865
Jefferson Memorial Forest.....
368-5404 | fax • 368-6517
Locust Grove.....897-9845

Mary T. Meagher Aquatic Center.....897-9949
Metro Arts Center.....937-2055
Rentals [shelters, lodges, events, fields].....
368-5865
Riverside, the Farnsley-Moremen Landing.....
935-6809
Senior Centers • Flaget Center.....574-2646
Wilderness Road.....964-5151
Additional Contacts
21st Century Parks.....584-0350
Kentucky Department of Tourism.....
502/564-4930 • 1-800/225-TRIP
kentuckytourism.com

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources.....
1-800/858-1549 • fw.ky.gov
Kentucky State Parks.....502/564-2172
1-800/255-PARK • parks.ky.gov
Louisville Metro Parks Foundation.....
456-3253 • erika.nelson@louisvilleky.gov
Louisville Nature Center.....458-1328
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Metro Parks 2013 Summer Camps

Community Centers

Center camps feature fun in
fitness, art and education.

502/456-8142 • metro-parks.org

Locust Grove

Crafts and nature.

502/897-9845 • locustgrove.org

Louisville Tennis Center

All camps and clinics
offer flexible schedules.

502-456-8140 • metro-parks.org

Summer Camps at Jefferson Memorial Forest

June 4 - August 9, 2013

Exciting camps for boys
and girls ages 5 to 15!

For complete schedule
and registration info visit or call:
memorialforest.com • 502/368-5404

Shuttles to the Forest available from
Joe Creason Park, across from The Zoo



On the cover: Tom Wallace Lake at Jefferson Memorial Forest. A focal point of Forest activity, Tom Wallace hosts the annual Metro Parks Fishing Derby, and its surrounding area features shelters, grills, a floating dock and several trails, as well as being handicapped-accessible. The lake has hosted thousands of fishermen and women in its 70 years.

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Our blog also has articles, posts and updates of interest to Metro parkgoers:

louisvillemetroparks.wordpress.com

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